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Hixburg

Hixburg, October 3.- The special W.M.U. State Mission meeting was held Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Wilson Hix. A special offering was taken.

J. E. Dinwiddie, of Sweet Briar, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Field, and Miss Margaret Davis, of Culpeper, spent Sunday in the home of H. M. Marshall. They called on Miss Maz Hix and E.P. Sears and family during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Harwood, of Victoria, visited his sisters here Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Neal spents the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Topping.

Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Mrs. C. B. Carson, and son, Jr., were in Pamplin Monday evening.

The regular September Sunbeam meeting and the special State Mission meeting were held on Friday afternoon, at which time the State Mission offering was taken.

The home demonstration club met at the community house Thursday afternoon. Miss Ella Smith gave a demonstration on accessories. Mrs. Charles F. James was a visitor at the meeting.

Mrs. E. P. Sears, Mrs. J. D. Ford, Mrs. H. M. Marshall, Miss Ella Smith and Mrs. Charles F. James called on Mrs. Wilson Hix Thursday. C. T. Moses, of Appomattox, called on Mrs. Hix Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. H. C. Wheeler called on Miss Mag Hix Thursday evening.

Miss Mary Featherston and N. R. Featherston visited relatives in the neighborhood Sunday.

Mrs. E. W. Gillam recently called on Mrs. Wilson Hix.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McClenny and family have moved to Pamplin. We shall miss them very much from our neighborhood.

Wilson Hix, who has been sick for several days, is out again.

Rocks

Rocks, October 3.- In spite of the rain Sunday night, a good number attended services at Rocks church. Rev. C. A. Collins preached a splendid sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson and daughter, Ellen and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Garrington were to see Mrs. B. D. Dickerson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Meadows, and his mother, Mrs. Nora Meadows, of Roanoke, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ranson and family last week.

G. H. Ranson and daughter, Emma Lou, Mrs. Maude Ranson and Mrs. John Henry Ranson, Cassie and A. A. Baldwin, attended the funeral of Mr. Ralph Garrett, Rose Terrace, last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ranson and daughters and Miss Gertrude Ranson spent Sunday with Mrs. W. F. Ranson, who had a fall last Saturday. She received many bruises, but no bones were broken.

The W. M. S. and G. A. members presented a program for State Mission Day at Rocks last Thursday night.

Mrs. C. M Redd and Mrs. Callie Phillips spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Sherman Garrinonse. While here they motored to Appomattox to see Mrs. W. H. Guill.

Ethel Garrett was sick over the week-end.

Harry and Otis Ranson spent the week-end with their families and their mother.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for October 8

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THE FORERUNNER OF THE KING

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 3:1-17.
GOLDEN TEXT—Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.—Matthew 3:3.

When an earthly king visits his dominions or makes a journey to another land, great preparations are made for his coming. Everything is done to expedite his journey and to assure him of safety and comfort. The United States and Canada have recently had that interesting experience. The King of kings and Lord of Lords who in loving kindness and gracious condescension had come to earth to be our Redeemer had now grown to manhood and was prepared to enter on His public ministry. God sent John to be His forerunner to prepare the way and to herald His coming.

I. A Herald Prophetically Foretold (vv. 1, 3, 4).

The coming of John (usually called the Baptist) was of such vital concern to God that He had revealed it to His prophets hundreds of years before (Isa. 40:3).

We should study and believe the message of the prophets. The same prophecies that pointed to John the Baptist and Christ's first coming also point to the second coming (Mal. 3:1-6; 4:1-6). We know the former took place, why should we doubt the fulfillment of the latter? We do well to take heed to the word of prophecy (II Pet. 1:19).

Let us also prepare the way of the Lord, not as John did, for his was a special ministry, but by making ways for the gospel to reach the hearts of men. We can remove hindrances and obstructions, preparing their hearts to receive Him as Saviour and Lord.

II. An Unusual Man with a Burning Message (vv. 2, 6-12).

What an arresting appearance John must have made as he emerged to the edge of the wilderness to present his startling message! God had kept him (like Moses and others) in the quiet of the desert where He could talk with him, away from the distractions of so-called civilization. This simple living had made John a striking personality, quite unusual and unconventional. The man who strives for such an appearance to attract attention is but a fool, but on the other hand unconventionality will not destroy one's usefulness if he has a message from God.

The preaching of John was a burning message of repentance. There had been no prophetic message since the time of Malachi, and in the intervening 400 years the religious life of the Jews had settled down into a barren legalistic formality. John came with a simple, practical, and plain-spoken indictment of sin, which led to repentance and which made religion vital and real again.

We know that the gospel of the grace of God in Christ goes far beyond the preaching of John. But we also know that the Church needs to get back to the proclamation of a vital heart-searching message, and some genuine old-fashioned repentance. Then we like John will bring men to Christ for salvation, for sanctification, for service.

III. Jesus, the but Privileged Servant of Christ (vv. 13-17).

The crowning event in the ministry of John was the recognition of Jesus as He came to be baptized. He was deeply conscious of his own unworthiness for this great work and pointed to the coming Saviour as the One in whom they should put their trust (vv. 11 and 14. See also John 1:29). John was not jealous of his own position, nor seeking his own advancement (see v. 3 and John 3:30).

To this faithful and humble servant came the inestimable privilege of baptizing the Saviour. The baptism of Jesus presents a mystery which we cannot fully solve. It is certain that He did not come to be baptized for the remission of sin, for He knew no sin. The best explanation seems to be that in His obedience to His Father He was willing to subject Himself to every ordinance of God—a spirit which is not too common, by the way, among His professed followers. He was not a sinner, but He took the sinner's place, and thus He both entered upon His ministry and pointed forward to that day when God made Him "who knew no sin" to be "made to be sin for us" so that "we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21).

Gracious Amid Gloom

Yet for all my Lord's gloom, I find Him sweet, gracious, loving, kind; and I want both pen and words to set forth the fairness, beauty and sweetness of Christ's love, and the honor of this cross of Christ, which is glorious to me, though the world thinkeith shame thereof. — Samuel Rutherford.

Hippocampus Is Queer Personality of the Seas

Perhaps in no other animal have been packed so many anomalies as in Hippocampus, popularly known as the seahorse, a systematic study of which recently has been completed by the United States bureau of fisheries. This queer personality has the head of a Lilliputian horse, a prehensile tail, plate-like scales like those of the sturgeon and a pouch like the kangaroo's. The creature also reverses the ordinary way of nature in that "child bearing" is exclusively a function of the male, says Nature Magazine.

The seahorse is almost world-wide in its distribution in warm ocean waters where there are growths of sea vegetation. Although they have provided the models for some of the nightmare monsters of the human imagination, they are small, feeble and slowest defenseless. The head is unquest anably similar to that of a miniature horse in general outline. The neck, however, is no neck at all. What looks like a neck is the forward part of the body. Its shell-like covering left early naturalists in doubt as to whether it was not just a monstrous sort of a water bug, but it is a true fish. Its weight and single fin bear it an inefficient swimmer, and it is able to work at all only because of a large air bladder so delicately adjusted to its specific gravity that if a bubble the size of a pinhead is let out by a puncture the seahorse sinks to the bottom. There it moves clumsily about until the wound has healed.

The greatest anomaly of the species is its way of reproducing. The male actually "gives birth" to the living young. Unfertilized eggs are laid by the female, who places them a few at a time into a pouch-like organ on the under side of the male's body. In some manner unknown to biologists they are fertilized in the transfer. The eggs are incubated in this pouch and remain for some days after they are hatched. Then the living young, fully equipped to take care of themselves, are expelled.

New 'Back Drop' Aids in Television Transmitting

A black "back drop" for the scenes is of television transmitting tubes results in more sharply focused and detailed television image according to a patent (No. 2,156,391) issued to Willard Hickok of Bloomfield, N. J.

The "back drop" is a film of graphite at the back of the transparent mica support on which are mounted the photo-electric elements that convert the scene being televised into an electric image which is broadcast through the ether.

It is explained that when the scene is focused on the ordinary photo-electric screen of the "television" tube, light from the image is reflected, bounces off the walls of the tube back on to the screen so that a double image may be formed. At the same time the photo-electric elements scatter the light. All this, it is indicated, blurs and makes hazy the image to be broadcast.

The black "back drop," which is the subject of the patent, on the other hand, absorbs the light which would thus ordinarily be reflected. The result is a sharper, more detailed image.

Temple Receives Statue

A sandstone temple statue of Merenptah, king of Egypt, represented as Osiris, god of the dead, and dating from about 1230 B. C., has recently been presented to the Boston Museum of Art by the Sir Robert Mond expedition of the Egypt Exploration Society of Great Britain. It was given in recognition of the museum's contribution to the expedition from the Harriet Otis Cruft fund. The museum possesses little temple sculpture despite its great collections of Egyptian art. The figure was excavated by the Mond expedition at Armant and is one of several life-size Osiris figures in limestone and sandstone found at the same site.

Yosemite Wilderness

The two great roadless tracts of Yosemite national park, combined, comprise an area of approximately half a million acres. Here, as in other wilderness national park areas, conditions are truly primeval. That is, all original plant and animal life is given full protection and no travel is possible except by primitive means. Unlike other mountain areas outside the national park system, no hunting or other disturbance of wildlife is permitted and all forms are free to carry on their original natural existence. Forest and other plant life is fully protected. Grazing of sheep, cattle or other domestic stock is prohibited.

Shower Bath Useful

Addition of a shower to a bathroom increases its usefulness and can be achieved now in both the big type and the built-in type of tub.

There is a variety of equipment on the market, and the home owner may select one of the new types of showerheads said to effect a water savings of 25 to 50 per cent over the old style. Showers can be installed in any built-in bathtub by an experienced plumber in short order. Such showers involve no changing of pipes; they are permanent, fully automatic with a minimum number of moving parts, and are in cost and economical in the use of water.

Stonewall Events

Stonewall, Oct. 4.- Mrs. John Bondurant, of Lynchburg, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Agnes Christian has returned to her home in Richmond for the winter.

Miss Louise Furness, of Blackstone, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blankenship, of Lynchburg, were recent guests of his mother, Mrs. T. B. Blankenship, here.

Jay Wheeler, of Roanoke, was a guest this week-end of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Wheeler.

Miss Mattie Wright, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end at her home here.

Miss Nellie Turner spent Thursday night with Mrs. W. E. Rudasill, near Gladstone.

Miss Doris Caldwell, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell.

Mrs. C. M Stratton spent a few days recently with her uncle, Mr. Owen, at Oakville.

Mrs. Carsie Brown, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end as her guest here.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler and Mrs. Jack Caldwell spent Sunday with relatives in Richmond.

Miss Mary Davidson, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her father, J. O. Davidson.

Hitler said to want peace. Germany keeping Poland.

World series now in progress.

Attendance at state fair was largest in past 12 years.

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"Fold-Ups": Way to Ease Women's Pain

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